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SUBJECT: EXPENSION OF TOGO'S OIL REFINERY; PLANNED TAKEOVER OF  
U.S. OWNED FACILITY

1. OCTOBER 29 MINISTER OF PUBLIINWORKS & MINES MIVEDOR SENT  
A LETTER OF INTENT TO THE ENGLISH COMPANIES BUILDING TOGO'S  
LREFINERY COMMITTINR THZ GOT TO EXPANDING THE REFINERY TO  
INCLUDE A PROPANE AND BUTANE GAS BOTTLING PLANT. REFINERY  
WAS ORIGINALLY PLANNED FOR NIGERIAN CRUDE AND GAS BOTTLING

WAS NOT INCLUDED BECAUSE NIGERIAN CRUDE RELEASES ONLY SMALL  
AMOUNTS OF GAS IN REFINING. SINCE THEN TOGO HAS SWITCHED  
TO PURCHASING 60 PER CENT LIBYAN CRUDE WHICH PRODUCES  
COMMERCIAL QUANTITIES OF GAS. (THE CHANGE TO LIBYAN  
CRUDE HAD EARLIER CAUSED THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL  
CRUDE STORAGE TANKS AND DESALTQNG F:8)8583 .)

2. THE EXPANSION PLANS ALSO CALL FOR THE ADAPTION AND  
EXPANSION OF AN EXISTING ROAD LOADING FACILITY TO INCLUDE  
RAIL LOADING WHICH WILL BE CONNECTED TO THEHRAILROAD LINE  
TO CINA0 (THE REGIONAL CEMENT CLINKER PLANT TO BE ZUILT)  
TO TAKE FUEL OIL TO THE PLANT.

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3. LASTLY THE GOT EXPANSION PLAN INCLUDES THE TAKEOVER OF A CONSORTIUM-OWNED TANK FARM NEAR THE PORT WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE GOT AS A LOCAL SALES DEPOT. THE CONSORTIUM, KNOWN AS SOCIETE TOGOLAISE D'ENTREPOSAGE, CONSISTS OF TEXACO, MOBIL, SHELL, BP AND TOTAL, EACH OWNING 20 PER CENT.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT YET LEARNED WHAT TERMS ARE TO BE OFFERED SOCIETE TOGOLAISE D'ENTREPOSAGE. IF CTMB (NATIONALIZATION" IS PRECEDENT, COMPANIES WILL PROBABLY BE PAID A FAIR PRICE FOR THEIR EQUITY. WHATEVER THE TERMS, TAKEOVER WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE CALLED "NATIONALIZATION" AND TAKE ITS PLACE IN NATIONAL FOLKLORE AS ANOTHER DEFIANCE OF IMPERIALISM.  
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